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U.S. CHARGES SCHOOL BUS DRIVER
WITH ADVERTISING TO TRADE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and SALVATORE DALESSANDRO, the Deputy Special Agent in Charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's ("ICE") New York City Office, announced that WARREN J. SCHWARTZ was arrested this morning as part of ICE's Operation Predator, on charges that he advertised to exchange video images of child pornography over the internet.

According to a Complaint filed against SCHWARTZ today, SCHWARTZ posted an advertisement in an internet chatroom, called "100%PreTeenGirlSexPics," in which he offered to trade images of minors engaging in sexually explicit acts. SCHWARTZ's advertisement specifically requested preteenage videos.

As explained in the Complaint, SCHWARTZ operated a file server on his home computer which he used to trade images of child pornography over the internet. As of June 12, 2004, the file server had 325 video files available for distribution and had been visited 125 times by computer users from 11 different countries.

SCHWARTZ resides in Yonkers, New York, and is self-employed as a school bus operator and also works as a bus dispatcher for a company. He was presented in White Plains federal court before United States Magistrate Judge LISA MARGARET SMITH, who released him on a \$40,000 personal recognizance bond and confined him to his home as a condition of his release.

Mr. KELLEY praised the investigative efforts of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Rockland County Sheriff's Department.

Assistant United States Attorney JONATHAN B. NEW is in charge of the prosecution.

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